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**Attn: Mail Stop Amendment**

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Application No. 10/042,019; Filed: January 8, 2002  
For: **A Fast SHA1 Implementation**  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$1,020.00 to cover a three (3) month extension of time fee;
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a);
3. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111; and
4. A return postcard.

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